Dewan's reply.—The individual works suggested are works not likely to be remunerative. They will be included in the list of Famine Relief Works. The D. P. W. are doing the needful in respect of *Existing* tanks.

Subject No. 207.

Sandal trees on occupied lands.

Summary of discussion.—Landholders have been made responsible for the proper care and protection of sandal trees growing on their lands. This imposes a heavy obligation on the raiyats. Sandal trees do not grow well in the Maidan Taluks and consequently Government is not much benefited thereby. All such trees standing on khate lands may, therefore, be ordered to be made over to the raiyats concerned on payment by them of the value thereof.

Dewan's reply.—No. (See Subject No. 158 *supra.*)

Subject No. 208.

Grant of date tree lands fit for garden cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—Dry or kharab lands situated below tanks and which can be turned into valuable cocoanut and supari gardens by the help of tank water, should not be reserved as date groves. The Government will be better benefited by the grant of such lands for Bagayat cultivation. For instance, the reservation of Survey No. 174 measuring 130 acres and 38 guntas, situated below the Gunderi Tank, is a great loss to Government. If this land is granted for Bagayat cultivation, Government will get Rs. 1,000 as assessment in addition to Rs. 1,200 as future Sayer Revenue.

Dewan's reply.—No general rule can be laid down. If not required for Government, the land will be given. Apply to Deputy Commissioner in individual cases, and they will be disposed of on their merits. (See also Subject No. 79 *supra.*)

Subject No. 209.

Summary of discussion.—Arecanut gardens below several tanks are not in good condition, and consequently both Government and the holders of such gardens are great losers. The reasons are that in some instances the tanks do not fill properly, while in others, the tank bunds are not strong. The following are instances in point:—

(a) Feeder to Holalkere Tank.

(*a*). Herekere Tank at Holalkere has not filled for the last three years. It is desired that the halla near Adnur should be diverted into this tank.

(b) Strengthening Honnekere.

(*b*). The catchment of Honnekere Tank at Holalkere is good, but the bund is weak and out of order. This tank is useful to men and cattle, and is also intended for the irrigation of the arecanut gardens under it. The tank bund should be ordered to be repaired.

(c) Feeder to Nulenur Tank.

(*c*). The tank at Nulenur in its present state is not of much use. The Herehalla close by should be

diverted into this tank. If this is done and the tank properly repaired, a large extent of waste land could be brought under wet cultivation.

(d) Tank required near Arehalli.

(*d*). A stream called "Adda Yere Sara" with two minor streams, passes near the Nagadi Kaval not far from the village of Arehalli. A large tank can be constructed across it. This would benefit eight or nine villages and bring three or four thousand acres under wet and garden cultivation. This will be a great boon to the people of this Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—These will be considered in the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 210.
Munsiff's Court for Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—A Munsiff's Court should be established at Holalkere with jurisdiction over the Taluks of Davangere, Harihar, Channagiri, Hosdurga and Holalkere. Holalkere is growing in importance owing to Railway facilities, &c., and will, therefore, be a proper place for the location of a Court.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable.

Subject No. 211.
Improvement of Gunderi Tank.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats holding lands under Gunderi Tank are grateful to Government for having remitted the balance of Rs. 1,670, which they had promised to pay as contributions. At the same time, they pray that either the payment made by them before the receipt of orders, *viz.*, (Rs. 800), may be refunded to them or that the kodi may be raised by two feet and the tank bund made sufficiently wide for cart traffic.

Dewan's reply.—A refund is impracticable. But the D. P. W. will be instructed to see to the proposed work being done.

Subject No. 212.
Timber for Temples.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that wood may be granted free for the repair and construction of temples.

Dewan's reply.—No general concession can be granted. Apply to Deputy Commissioner in individual cases.

Subject No. 213.
Grant of assessed lands lying waste for twelve years.

Summary of discussion.—It was desired that assessed lands lying waste for twelve years or more should be granted on shraya tenure.

Dewan's reply.—Apply to the Deputy Commissioner in individual cases.

Subject No. 214.
Raiyats' liability to maintain tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The rule requiring raiyats to repair and maintain tanks yielding a Revenue of Rs. 300 or less is hard, so also the rules of 1873, which require the raiyats to maintain tanks brought up to standard by the D. P. W. and handed over to the raiyats for maintenance.